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CLASS ODE.

ALICE WELLCOME.

Upon a river wide we float,
Soft dipping on the tide;
Before our eyes, the misty glimpse
Of ocean spreading wide;
But now the light of youth's fair dreams
Is softly shutting o'er,
Thus hiding kind the ocean's waves,
The rough and unknown shore.

The bright sun glints upon the blue
Of our fair river's waves,
And sparkling, soft as morning dew,
Our spirit gently bathes.
By night, the moonlight's sweet caress,
With cheering, healing balm,
Allures us then with magic pow'r,
And soothes us with its charm.

And far ahead, with beck'ning hands,
A fair isle calls us on;
With tender, luring beauty there,
It gleams as bright as morn.
It is the isle of precious hope,
We long to reach the shore,
And in that fair, elusive land
To tread its jewelled floor.

Salutatory.

WARREN EUGENE GLANCY.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

The class of nineteen hundred and nine bids me welcome you to these final exercises, and the welcome is a most hearty one. For four years, this night has held its place in a dim corner of the mind of each person who graduates to-night. When we were freshmen, the time seemed far off, but now we can hardly realize that this is the last hour of our membership in the High School. In all probability, the period has seemed brief because the four years past have been years of pleasure and work combined.

One needs only to take a course at the Waltham High School to find the real pleasure of school life. The pleasure of being a member of a school where the educational advantages compare favorably with those of any school, preparatory for college, where fortune has more than smiled upon athletics, where the social atmosphere is most agreeable, and where the student body does things that make everyone feel proud of his membership,—this is a pleasure that one first appreciates by comparing the lot of the pupils of our own school with that of scholars elsewhere, who do not enjoy these privileges. Many of the graduates of other classes have made excellent records in college and professional work; from this fact, it is easy to infer why our pupils are admitted to college on a teacher's certificate, wherever certificates are accepted. The success of the school teams in athletics during the past year has been nothing less than phenomenal; in football, the team clearly showed its right to the title, "Inter-scholastic Champions of Massachusetts"; while in base-ball, the success of the team has been greater than that of any other team representing the High School. It has been said that Waltham has a spirit which cannot be overcome, and it certainly seems so. Let us hope that the reputation of the Waltham spirit will be maintained. Not less important to school-life are social affairs, and the annual senior play. This year, "Twelfth Night" was presented and its production showed an excellence such as few high school dramatic performances attain. During the past few months, lectures on subjects of world-wide importance have been delivered before the school by eminent men. The educational benefit of these lectures can not be over-estimated. It is to be hoped that this practice will be continued in the future. Another event which was an innovation and which excited great interest among the pupils, was the writing of prize-essays among the pupils in response of the kind offer of a friend of the school. Thus it may be seen that the class of the present year has had advantages and opportunities which no previous class has enjoyed. We do not infer that these advantages will cease with us, but fervently hope that they may be augmented year by year. In addition to these prizes, several gifts of statuary have been made by friends, but the gift which will give the most pleasure is yet to come. It is the new athletic field. When that is available, a great wish will be realized and a greater benefit conferred upon our athletics. Then sports will not be confined to baseball and football, but let loose on such a range that every boy and every girl will have an opportunity to indulge in his or her favorite exercise in a systematic way. Not only the general

Class of 1909

physical well-being of the school will be improved, but also the democracy which permeates the classes to-day to such a noticeable degree, will be much strengthened.

As we draw away from this interesting and many-sided school-life, we ask ourselves certain questions: What has it all amounted to,—this going to school? Has it given us a better chance? These questions are answered by the records of the graduates of our high school. Yet it not only the records of our predecessors that we shall try to live up to, but also the good reputatlon of the people of New England. Known as they are, the world over, for their integrity, progressiveness, and culture, they have given us reason to be proud that we were born here and are being educated here. We find in them an example of sturdy, honest folk, such as we find nowhere else in the United States. The different sections of the country have their own peculiarities, but we may be thankful that the peculiarities of the people of New England are good breeding, clear speech, and a healthy mind.

For this heritage and education, the foundation of which was laid by the Pilgrims, these pleasures and opportunities, the class of nineteen hundred and nine thanks you and will endeavor to thank you in the future by deeds, not words.

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Valedictory.

HELEN WIGHT WHEELER.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

The class of nineteen hundred and nine has been fortunate in being in school during the months when the centenaries of so many famous men were being celebrated. As a result of these celebrations, our senior year has been one of helpfulness to all. Our attention has been called frequently to the lives and characters of these great men, and in them we have found facts which should be of advantage to us in building our own characters.

But it is as we apply our motto to these great lives, and perceive wherein it was, or was not, observed, that we gain the most for ourselves. Before doing this, however, we must be sure that we understand exactly what it means. "There is no difficulty to him that wills." Of course, this is not to be taken literally as a truth, for everyone has difficulties that he cannot surmount. He who wills, however, is not discouraged by obstacles or by defeat; but, in his determination, he loses sight of the difficulties, and strives to accomplish his purpose. This, I believe, is the real meaning brought out in our motto. With this in mind, let us test it by the lives of some of the men about whom we have heard so much during the past months.

In December, we celebrated the tercentenary of the birth of John Milton. Was he a man of strong will? This question hardly needs to be answered for anyone who has read of Milton's untiring efforts in behalf of the church and of his country. Some may say that he was prudish and that his life was not exemplary. To be sure, this is true in some respects, but a man who gave the sight of his eyes for the good of his country, and who, in spite of blindness and other difficulties, wrote such a poem as "Paradise Lost", undoubtedly had traits which we might profitably study. Although Milton lived in an epoch which was of a very different nature from ours, the principles of perseverance and honest effort shown in his life are worthy of everyone's admiration.

About a month after Milton's birthday, we observed the hundredth anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's birth. Here, indeed, was a man who most certainly did not will, and many think that, on this account, his life does not merit our study. But, "Guidance as to what we should avoid doing is, in many cases, no less useful than guidance as to what we should do." So we often learn as much from the mistakes of others as we do from their successes. Poe's life stands out like a beacon light, to warn us against the dangers of indolence and recklessness of principle. This man of genius, Alger says, "could gorgeously plan like an architect, but could not patiently build like a mechanic." That is a description which would apply to many people today; it is for us to guard against such lack of application. By analyzing the character of the poet, we find that his genius, capable of kindling men with truth and of inspiring them to a fulfillment of their destiny, failed in its purpose because of a weak power of determination. This is the lesson that Poe teaches us.

Then came the commemoration of the birth of our martyr President. It was an event in which not merely his own country, but even the whole world was interested. In this great

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statesman, we found, as everyone has found, many qualities which touched a chord in our own hearts, and which for that very reason could be of especial help to us. In the first place, he was a man born from our own soil, a fact which made him even dearer to us. Moreover, he was one of us in that he belonged to the common people, and was not an exalted being whose character we could admire but not love. From log cabin to White House is merely another paraphrase of our motto. Although Lincoln failed in some things and had many difficulties to overcome, he struggled on, and at last succeeded in bringing peace and union to our nation.

The centenaries of other great leaders have occurred and will occur this year; but our thought has been directed to these three in particular. In their lives, we have a great deal of material for reflection. If we do reflect, and use the lessons brought out there, we shall become stronger and better men and women.

It is customary, and far be it from us to break away from this custom, for the valedictorian to thank the teachers, the parents, and the friends, in behalf of the class, for all that they have done toward our education and upbuilding. We do appreciate their efforts, and desire to show our gratitude in the lives which we shall endeavor to live. To the under-graduate, too, we extend our best wishes for success in all that they may undertake.

And now, classmates, let us resolve to profit by the lessons which we have learned from Milton, Poe, and Lincoln, so that we may be an honor to the Waltham High School. Trusting to Him Who gives aid to all who rightly will, we shall gain strong, noble characters; then, as we meet again in future years, it will be with lives made more complete by faithful service.

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Class Prophecy of 1909.

NORMAN WILEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen of Eden:—

The great pleasure of speaking to you on this occasion is one that I shall always cherish and remember. This pleasure is two fold: first, I am glad to be again with my friends and former classmates, and to feel once more that mutual good-will and brotherhood which I have missed so much in the many years that have passed since we were pupils of the Waltham High School; secondly, I feel that it is a great honor to have the privilege of appearing before a gathering of people who are morally, intellectually, and physically the superiors of any on this earth; a people who will occupy, in the minds and histories of unnumbered generations to come a place side by side with the children of Israel and the Pilgrim Fathers; a people, who, in the short space of ten years have established a government and social order that is a model for, and the envy of, the whole world.

I have been requested to review to-night the history of this republic, and was chosen to write this account, not because of any deserving ability on my part, but because, being a foreigner, it was thought that I should feel freer to present the facts of this history as they are. This I have endeavored to do to the best of my ability, without either elaborating or withholding anything of the slightest interest or importance.

But to my task. Within the memory of all of us, or, to be more nearly exact, less than twelve years ago, the whereabouts of the Garden of Eden was one of the great mysteries of the world. The second chapter of Genesis states that four rivers, the Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates, flowed from the Garden. That, of course, located it in Armenia, somewhere near Mount Ararat, but, as no one had been able to find it, the general belief was that it no longer existed.

In 1915, this fabled beauty spot was discovered by Warren Glancy. Several years before, Glancy came to the conclusion that women were useful articles, and decided to have some. Accordingly, he became a Mormon, and in less than two years had twenty wives. He found, to his grief, that women were more than articles, deserted his wives to become a Mormon missionary, and was sent to Armenia, where women were plentiful. It was while he was fleeing from some bandits, whose wives he had tried to convert, that he stumbled upon the Garden of Eden. He immediately realized the great possibilities of the place, and his fertile brain quickly evolved a brilliant scheme. Throwing up his job as missionary and getting divorces from his twenty wives, (for he could always get anything he wanted), he came back to Massachusetts and set to work on the details of his scheme.

A reunion of the class of '09 was to be held on New Year's Eve, 1915, and it was here that he decided to launch the undertaking. That reunion was one of the most important events in the annals of history. Fortunately, the entire class was there, with the exception of myself, and, of course, I wasn't wanted anyway. Even "Tad" Bartlett and Charlie King were present, trying to sell their goods, Bartlett's famous two cylinder T. D., and "Konig's" luxurious

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bachelor's touring car. Glancy waited until the refreshment hour and then told his plan. The irresistible argument and eloquence of his speech will never be forgotten ; your children study it now in place of Burke's "Conciliation Speech".

Briefly, his plan was this : the class of '09 was so superior to the rest of the Americans that it was wrong for them to have to mingle with the "vulgar herd". Glancy had found the Garden of Eden, where every inch of the land was fertile, and where the hills abounded in minerals and precious stones. He proposed that the class go there, establish a government, and live in peace and plenty forever after. Everybody, except Ed Cooper, was delighted with the idea, and it was decided to go then and there. Cooper, at that time reform candidate for mayor of Wayland, said that it wouldn't do at all, but did not give any reasons for his objection. Of course, some had suggestions to make. Mrs. George Lewis, the widow of a former Harvard man, moved that they have woman suffrage. None of the other girls had life enough to second the motion, but Phil Hawley, who had been asleep, suddenly woke up, and, seeing that some motion had been made, seconded it with such prestige, it simply had to go through. After Ben Ela had been elected President and Agnes Rhodes, Vice-president, the memorable meeting adjourned.

By the next summer, the government was established, and the class of '09 was the Republic of Edin. From this point on, I shall make the history more biographical, for, as Carlyle says, "Biography is the most universally pleasant and profitable of all reading."

Ben Ela, the man from Charles street, is still President, mainly because of good looks and woman suffrage. Most of his time is spent in taking vacations and writing poetry. Agnes Rhodes decided, after her first term, that she wanted a more strenuous job than that of Vice-president, and declined reelection. Since then, she has made herself famous by her lectures on "Buoyancy of Spirit," "When, Where, and How to Giggle," and "The Art of Being Popular." Majorie Hartwell succeeded Agnes as Vice-president, and has graced that position ever since, her former experience standing her in good stead. She is President of the Senate; anyone desiring the floor has to wink, and if Marjorie winks back, all right, if not he's "dished."

The Secretary of State is Paul Bartel, and the fact that there has never been the least sign of trouble with any outside power is convincing proof of his skill. He, however, is a very sad man since he found that a certain girl didn't want to be called Florence Bartel. She, it seems, didn't care for Paul at all. Alice Cone is watch dog,—excuse me, Secretary, of the Treasury and she is such an able keeper that it has not been found necessary even to put the money of the state in vaults. Many a citizen has said that he would rather starve to death than to be a day late with his taxes. An important officer of the government is Irving Richardson, Secretary of Agriculture. Most of his time is spent in chasing farmers off the hillsides, and flirting with his two assistants, Elsie and Laura Silman.

The romantic, autocratic, energetic Speaker of the House is Alice Merrill Lewis. Glancy is leader of the opposition. To a visitor, one of the most interesting sights of Eden is the resplendant figure of Major-General Boynton, commander-in-chief of the volunteer militia, the best drilled army in the world. A favorite form of entertainment at social functions is a drill by Boynton's famous squad of three privates.

Of the city officers, the most famous is Chief of Police King, better known as Karl Konig. As a result of the efforts of Ed Cooper, drinking and smoking are prohibited in Eden, and it is safe to say that King has not allowed a drop of liquor or an ounce of tobacco to escape confiscation in all the time that he has been chief, although no one seems to know what becomes of it after he takes it. He is given a good deal of trouble by girls, who like "Il Penreroso",

are fond of the moonlight. The two that bother him most persistently, Ada Bailey and Addie Stevens, have been at these tricks ever since they went to Washington in 1909, if not before. However, the city has an excellent criminal record. Only one arrest has been made, and the guilty party, Marion Bingay, was placed on probation. She was accused of stealing time by working twenty-five hours a day. The celebrated lady sleuth, Alice Kelly, is head of the Secret Service Bureau. Let me give an example of her work that puts anything of Sherlock Holmes's in the shade. One dark night, she actually succeeded in following the trail of Otis Berry and Mabel Johnson into the country and taking a flashlight photograph of them on the branch of a cherry tree without their knowledge.

The city has an excellent educational department. Annabel Carter is the Superintendent of Schools, and a more able one it would be hard to find. The superintendent's private secretary is Ruth Paul. The principal of the high school is Alice Wellcome, who also has charge of the declamations. The teacher of physical culture is Addie Stevens and the teacher of Latin is Meriam Wellington. As there is no Piety Corner in Eden, the high school has an athletic field. The coach of the football team, which is the champion team of the world, is Melvin Bradbury. Melvin is also a well-known and strenuous politician.

The most important of the private corporations is the Eden Gas and Hot Air Trust, of which Raymond Wigmore is president. Another big concern is Bartlett's Airship, Automobile and Motor Boat Factory, where the help have to work only two hours a day. By special permission from Chief Konig, they are given a smoking room in which they can spend the remainder of the day. The manager of the telephone exchange is Jimmie Faden. With the exception of Getchell, Jimmie is the only bald-headed man in Eden. Getchell kept company with so many girls when in school that he had no hair when he entered Eden. Jimmie lost his his by inventing an automatic exchange. When the "hello" girls, Ada Bailey, Bessie Carroll and Maude Stanley, found that they were to lose their jobs, they became angry and pulled his hair out.

The largest store in Eden is Jordan's Big Dry Goods Department Store. Let me cite an excellent example of the way in which he does business. His men's hosiery display, and it is a magnificient one, has been completely changed every day for the past ten years. Then, too, a great amount of his success is due to his head salesgirls, Ruby Fleming and Barbara Dennen. Barbara and Ruby take more than ordinary interest in the business. Just to help George along, and incidentally, it made Marion so jealous that she cut him, they give a free concert in the store every Saturday night. Ruby renders the latest popular airs vocally from the ribbon counter, while Barbara accompanies her on the piano.

Edwin Smith's drug store is the largest of its kind in the city. The loudness of his dress attracts people from blocks around; they buy soda checks, and then, unable to stand the noise behind the counter, go out, leaving the soda untouched. In the same building is the photographic studio of the Misses Lemont and Rowe. Faden poses here once a month regularly, and Smith and Parker would like to, but the office door is locked whenever they are heard coming, to save having the camera insured. The leading dressmaker is Marjorie Braman, whose princess and sheath gowns have made Paris a bankrupt city. Margaret Mullen is a milliner. Once, when the city needed a new reservoir, they bought one of her hats, and found it plenty large enough.

Levi Clark married Gladys Drew shortly after coming to Eden, and now they run a big chicken farm. Albion Davis, the man from Missouri, runs a big produce farm. He has an evaporated peach orchard, a banana path, and a strawberry grove. Fannie Cutler is proprietress of a home bakery. One of the best known places in Eden is Mrs. Virginia Vasco Bayard's hash-

house. Abraham turns the crank on the meat chopper and does the chores, and the two popular waitresses are Jennie Oates and Helen Swett. Jennie, however, leaves all the work to Helen whenever there is a parade of the militia.

It must not be thought because I have mentioned few marriages that there is race suicide here. On the contrary, babies are plentiful because of Dr. Helen Hutchinson's famous invention of the baby incubator. Nellie Miller and Agnes Hession are in charge of the nursery at the Hutchinson Baby Hospital. One day, Levi Clark was looking through the plant when Nellie saw him, and thinking he had fallen out of the incubator, thrust him in, so now Levi is reborn. Mabel Johnson and Marion Taylor, who have charge at the kindergarten, on seeing "Peanut" Chadwick, who was coming to order a dozen babies, all girls, mistook him for a new pupil, and Marion exclaimed, "Oh, isn't he cute."

The Reverend Warren K. Greene, our noble, kind-hearted pastor, became so endeared to the Scenic Temple back in dear, old Waltham that he has a temple of his own here. The quartet is unsurpassed, the members being Mr. Philip Hawley and Mrs. Bertha Harris Hawley, Mr. Raymond Tuttle and Mrs. Edith Nye Tuttle, The organist is Agnes Olson, and the Superintendent of Sunday schools is Otis Berry. Miss Johnson is also interested in this work.

Eden does not lack for private educational institutions. First in importance is Miss Wheeler's school for girls. Here none but the brainy can enter, and none but the brainiest stay. A unique school is Wright's Training School for Marathon Runners. Mrs. Wright, formerly Mary Jennings, has charge of the training table. Then there is Professor Gately's Famous Academy of Dancing and Etiquette.

Eden is a brilliant social center. It is a much debated question at afternoon teas whether Sarah Ruane or Edith Polechio is the leader of society. These two gamble away immense fortunes every night at their favorite game of authors. The leading club of the city is the Woman's Rights Club, of which Florence Andrews, Rachel Drake, and Ruth Sanderson are prominent members. They have been the means of bringing about some much needed reforms, notably: the abolition of Greek letter societies and of girls' basketball games in the high school.

The sports of the city find their amusement in seeing the daily games of the International Buck-Buck League. Herman Parkinson is the captain and manager of the Eden team, and is making big money. During the first years of the republic's existence, people thronged to Eden from all parts of the world to see Mrs. Robert Getchel, formerly Miss Hazel Newton, star in Shakespearean plays, under the management of her husband. But this had to be given up, for in two years she had driven Bob deaf and he had forgotten how to talk. Divorce proceedings followed, and now Robert enjoys life at the deaf and dumb asylum, under the care of Constance Hall, while Hazel teaches elocution at Miss Wheeler's school. Since she left the stage, the chief theatrical attraction has been the vaudeville program at the Scenic Temple where all the acts are performed by one man, Mr. Parker, under the stage name of Gavolio. He has an endless variety of stunts in high and low comedy, tragedy, juggling, sleight-of-hand, and feats of strength. It is very rare that a young lady sees the performance without falling in love immediately. Pearl Colburn that was, now has the happy distinction of being his wife.

The most popular reader in the city is Mary Phelan, who lives in the "House of a Million Tears." The reason the place got its name is well shown in Miss Phelan's favorite piece, which she gives with much tenderness:

" Der vos a yong mann named Vit
Who I thought I had right in mine mitt,
But now dere's no doubt
Bot he soomhow bounced oudt,
Und made me feel badd, joost von bit.

Our esteemed fellow citizen, Brenton Tyler, was recently the hero of a romance. The great painter, Gladys Ricker, employed him as a model, and, of course, fell violently in love. But alas !—poor woman, how did she know that Brenton had been engaged to May Turpin since he was twelve years old. The greatest work of art in the country is Ethel Sawyer's statue of "Peanut" Chadwick rescuing May Halleran from a mosqueto, on the base of which are inscribed two poems by Blanche Havens, one entitled "Let us pity little bugs," and the other, " How nice to have a friend like 'Peanut '."

Surely, if ever there was a man that deserved gratitude and praise from his community, that man is Edward Cooper, editor of the " E len Mirror "; Every day he labors long and valiantly to suggest some improvement or benefit to the nation, or to strike openly and bravely at some blemish on the country's fair name. His greatest work is the suppression of what he terms the "poetic fallacy", as a result of which no poetry is taught in the public schools.

A number of interesting books have been written of which the best are: Richardson's " The Relation of Chemistry to Cabbages and String Beans, and the Part the Girls Play." Parker's, "Autobiography of a Great Man." Davis's, "One Hundred Thousand Practical Questions, with answers by Connie Hall." Miss Hall's, " How to Pull Hair." Parkinson's, " The Art of Being Silent when Others Laugh " and " How to be Really Funny," Ela's poem in ten volumes, " Death in Life," or "Alice, Thou Art Not For Me," and his essay on " Sympathetic Pneumonia", Miss Wellcome's ode, "A Broken Heart " or " Ben, My Lover, Good-Bye."

I shall weary you with no more discourse, but shall close here with the hope that I have attained my object,—to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth". If I have said too much, or made any mistakes, I am sorry, but the damage is done. and cannot be helped. However, if anyone thinks that he has been slighted, I shall be glad to say more at some future time.

Thanks, Where Thanks Are Due.

The editors of the " Mirror " wish heartily to thank the business men who have by their generosity and good-will in giving advertisements in this and previous numbers, enabled the school to publish a paper which is a credit both to the institution it represents and to the city. May the subscribers and readers of this book endeavor to reciprocate as far as possible by patronizing the establishments of these men who show such an interest in the school and its work.

Cast of Senior Play

Class History of 1909.

ALICE M. WELLCOME.

NEVER was a September morning more beautiful than when we started toward the high school, four long years ago. We thought that we might possibly look like freshmen, so with confidence, affected ease and carelessness (which was bound to disappear) we lightly entered unmolested, though grim and ugly glances were frequently cast upon us by the members of the sophomore class. We could not imagine what we had done to incur such evident displeasure, but we learned later that they had been restrained from hazing.

How quickly the first few days passed and how perfectly delighted we felt over the kindness of the teachers. They did not try to show us just how much we did not know, as they always do to other classes. Of course, the grammar schools had not given us all the knowledge which we first displayed, but since we were destined to be a wonderful class, it was not surprising that the teachers were astonished at the first unfolding of our minds. We did not get lost in the building, either, as other freshmen did; but, with our usual ease and natural ability, we accustomed ourselves to its many rooms, although the statuary and pictures still furnish us excellent models for examination during occasional dull recitations. But, somehow, teachers never do quite understand this affected search for beauty, and frequently a sharp word will startlingly summon some wandering mind from the keen appreciation of pictured art.

Another thing that we never did in our first year in high school: we were never seen dashing wildly into a crowded classroom, where we did not belong, and then fairly breaking our necks to get out. The reason for this unusual virtue was that "we looked ere we leaped," and a sly peep, through the glass of the door into the wrong room, would send us flying wildly down the corridor with terrified hearts. We all practised this precaution, I say all with the possible exception of Chadwick, commonly known as "Peanut", who is still so short that he cannot yet see above the door knob. But, with his usual skill and love of study, he learned the rooms that he should enter, and so he really became no exception to the general rule.

For fear that some terrible mistake might condemn us for all future time, we swiftly held our first class meeting September 10. Warren Glancy was elected president; Marjorie Hartwell, vice-president, and Ruth De Wolf, secretary and treasurer. Dark green and gold were happily chosen to be our class colors. After this meeting, we began to feel quite settled in the school, and we proceeded to take a fleeting interest in the teachers and our lessons. (It might be well to mention that with some this interest has failed to return). Perhaps the boys of Room 5 can still remember how certain interesting contests of matching pennies were held in the back seats, beyond the watchful eye of the teacher. It was also during this year that the Crab was published. This, as many, perhaps, know, was a paper noted especially for its excellent advertising advantages. Its existence was brilliant and meteorlike, but since the subscriptions were not paid promptly, the editor was obliged to pawn the press. Thus was a great, and probably glorious, work lost to the world.

Shortly before this, our class pins had been ordered, and after the usual long wait, they appeared. Some pins, it is true, were exchanged for others, but one can still see many mem-

bers of the class wearing the green and gold shields of '09. About this time, several unfortunate members of the class began to realize that extra work might be required of them in the summer, unless immediate improvement was shown, and so, with pitying and sympathetic hearts, we saw, on all sides, pallid faces and sunken eyes, the results of fearful exertions.

Slowly, but surely, the days passed; from out of doors, summer called us irresistably, and it is to be feared that some unwise ones obeyed the call and also, a later one to the office. And so, finally, we were freshmen no longer, and with joy and visions of our coming year, we separated for the summer vacation.

Did we all come back eagerly in September? Perhaps so, but on our way to school, something strange happened, something we had almost forgotten. Near the school building

We saw a thing
Of greenish hue
And thought it was
A lawn of grass.

But when to it
We closer drew,
We saw it was
The freshman class.

Why, we were freshmen no longer, now we claimed the proud name of sophomores.

Probably fate had something to do with it, but it is enough to say that we entered Room 17. Here we studied pictures and statuary, though there are some to this day who cannot tell which bust is Cicero and which is Cæsar. John Coakley triumphantly announced, to the delight of all who heard the remark, that the one on the side looked like a prize fighter he saw once. What an exciting time we had in Latin that year. How fluently Phil and Eliot translated Latin that Nepos never wrote. But since Eliot truly studied three minutes before the filing bell, we must appreciate his work.

On September 17, our first class meeting was held, at which ex-president Glancy presided. Robert Getchell was elected president; Marjorie Hartwell, vice-president, and Alice Cone, secretary and treasurer.

Soon after, with delightful anticipation, we began planning for our first social. How important we felt and how flushed with pride to read the notice on the blackboard, Well, the evening came and went, and we discovered many strange things. Among them was the peculiar attraction which the boys felt for Minerva. But a romping Virginia reel and a few games partly broke the ice, and the rest of the evening was spent enjoyably. Of course, the social was a success.

By this time, we had acquired convenient, if somewhat disagreeable habits. We learned the art of slighting lessons. As it is such a dangerous aud unpleasant habit, no definition or explanation is necessary. And those declamations! It was during that fourth period on Friday that many thrilling recitations were delivered in Room 17. As no boy, in her estimation, had any real fire and backbone in him, Helen delivered "Spartacus to the Gladiators" to her wondering audience; surely, no leader could ever have spoken more confidently or urgently to his comrades.

And so on, through the year, many amusing mistakes, planned as well as unforseen, brightened the routine of study. We acquired "small Latin and less Greek," it is true, but, somehow or other, the sophomore year passed, and again we left the high school for the summer.

When we returned, we found ourselves juniors, proud of the work accomplished and eagerly (?) looking forward to whatever delightful surprises the teachers might have in store for us. And they had truly planned many astonishing lessons, as we were to learn later. We were pleased and delighted to find Warren such an excellent algebra scholar that he became

Football Squad

the teacher's assistant. Many truly commended the boys who so conscientiously translated "teufel" as "villain". Ah ! there were many geniuses among us who were to astonish the faculty before we had completed our school days !

No time was lost in calling a class meeting ; so, on the twentieth of September, we met to select the officers for the coming year. Robert Getchell was elected president ; Marjorie Hartwell, vice-president, and Alice Cone, secretary and treasurer.

Our English teacher now proceeded to instill the delights of Shakespeare and Carlyle into our dull and unappreciative minds. We always enjoyed that thrilling recitation, the first period, Monday. After a few listless "don't knows," we were frequently startled from a refreshing nap by an exasperated "Wake up now!" from our teacher. We all felt highly indignant at these words, which so cruelly intimated that we were not attentive. And what strange interpretations are sometimes given to Shakespeare and Tennyson ! Who will ever forget the day when Trider innocently said that he thought a "year and a day" must be a "leap year".

On November first, our first junior social was held. Several strange and unique rustic costumes were worn, but all agreed that Miss Frost, Alice Kelley, and Irving Richardson had the best make-ups. The evening passed pleasantly, and dancing was greatly enjoyed. There is a quotation from our own class play, which applies well to the class : "I am sure care's an enemy to life." That must be why our socials are always such gay, care-free events, so heartily participated in by all who attend.

That year, we studied history, and we frequently had little written lessons in class. One could scarcely call them surprises, however. The manual boys were sometimes (?) late, and then, when they were heard coming down the corridor, the even lockstep never failed to provoke a laugh on the part of the rest of the pupils. However, after much urging, (and I suppose threatening, they improved their schedule and were never more than ten minutes late. Shall we ever forget Wyman's watch? We never knew whether it kept good time or not, or, in fact, whether it ever went except when he did. But such a confusion reigned that day when he carelessly (?) dropped it, and wheels, springs, plates, case, and dial flew here and there about the room. The watch seemed to be ruined, but the parts were carefully collected to be dropped again.

Declamations were mere child's play to us now, and furnished pleasure for all who had successfully passed through the terrors of that fearful platform. Here we learned strange facts about the repairing of watches, and the mysteries of picture-hanging; then, too, from the boys, we received valuable lessons in the art of gesturing gracefully. Latin was also as interesting as usual. We were pleased at Alice's ability to invent a word, that day she preferred to call "anachronism", "Andromache". Oh, well, something had to be done to lighten our recitations. And such queer translations in German ! Our German teacher must have thought that we were a brilliant class. Why, one pupil asserted that buildings in Germany were built of pillows, and another said, with astonishing confidence, "He appeared at the stroke of twelve and was not there." Surprising coincidence ! Germany must, indeed, be a strange land.

With the late spring came thoughts of our banquet to the seniors. But since the school committee was strongly in favor of curtailing expenses in social affairs, we decided to offer the upper class a reception. We had no idea what one was, but we gave one, though many were disappointed that they couldn't satisfy their long-fasting appetites. After a speech by our president, Robert Getchell, we listened with pleasure to the history and prophecy of the class of 1908. Everyone appeared to have a good time, and the reception was pronounced a success.

After this, the few remaining days passed as swiftly as a dream, or, one might rightly say, a nightmare. But we struggled bravely through, paid the dues required of us for the careless handling of books, and, at last, we realized that we were seniors.

Our history now brings us to the closing year. Seventy-eight were left of those who had entered the freshman class. Naturally, then, it was with just pride that we started upon the best year of all. On September 21, our first class meeting was held. Benjamin Ela was elected president; Agnes Rhodes, vice-president, and Annabel Carter, secretary and treasurer. About this time, the announcement that Edward Cooper was to assume the duties of editor-in-chief of the "Mirror" gave general satisfaction.

While all these minor details were being arranged, a matter of far greater importance was interesting all members of the senior and junior classes, namely, a football game was to be played. The eventful day arrived at last, and we were defeated; but, then, we have always thought that "Beneath the rule of men entirely great, the pen is mightier than the sword," or football score. Our class has always been famed for its learning, although we are not so far behind in athletics, consider the girls' basketball game for example.

Soon, another class meeting was called, and we were submitted to the torture of formally voting to have a senior dance. Of course we would have one! A committee, of which Robert Getchell was chairman, was then elected to make the arrangements for the dance. We do not wish to be thought conceited, but we can truly say that the event was as good as any other senior dance that was ever held.

Another matter of interest, which called the attention of the school, was the 1912 flag-raising. How child-like and impulsive it was of the freshmen to attempt such an undertaking. But as they are so very young, we must give them credit for the effort they put forth.

Since there was not enough excitement for us, in the general run of affairs, we held a costume party on January 8. Miscellaneous might, perhaps, well describe the various personalities represented there. The judges had a difficult task to select the two best costumes, but they finally decided that Miss Miller in a picturesque Turkish dress should receive one prize. It would be very difficult to describe Herman's costumes, but the skilful way with which he carried out his singular and unusual part certainly deserved and won the other prize.

Strange things were happening meanwhile. Berry, for some unaccountable reason, decided that Jonson looked very much better when spelled with an H. George's gorgeous checks so confused his manner of speaking that he actually said, "Frural ree delivery" one day in class. Strange how styles affects him! And Wiley became dissatisfied with geometry and decided that Wentworth didn't know so very much after all.

Has not every one in Waltham agreed that our senior play was the best ever? If he has not said so, it is because he was not present to hear and judge accordingly. Surely the committee, of which Warren Glancy was chairman, deserves great credit for the excellent arrangement of details. After several different coaches were considered, the services of Miss Sleight, of the Boston College of Oratory, were secured. She worked hard with the cast, and with one accord and in every respect they did her credit. But it is strange how interesting the rehearsals were to different members of the cast and of the committee. This seems to be the prevailing occurrence on the occasion of every play.

"Dire was the noise of conflict" one day, as we left the school building, and when we saw a huge crowd, collected near the flag pole; we joined them, out of curiosity, to look on at a buck-buck game between the seniors and juniors. How we wished that "there were giants on the earth in those days." But there were no giants, so we lost the game. Another case of brute strength conquering intellect.

Base Ball Team

Scarcely had the exclamations over the play ceased, when Mr. Eaton announced one morning that Helen Wheeler was to be our valedictorian and Warren Glancy, salutatorian. This announcement successfully put a stop to the surmises, which were then filling the minds of all. Immediately after this, the plans for the Washington trip were made. Miss Ober and Mr. Burke were chosen to be the chaperons. With Mr. and Mrs. Eaton, nearly thirty gay, young people started for the South. How innocently Blanche believed all that was told her, even the wild tale of how the balcony in the theatre was hung on hinges and was easily raised and lowered. Of course, it was all an accident that morning when the pillow dropped from the third story window of the hotel. But its sudden and singular appearance must have surprised that gentleman of color who chanced to be passing. However, all returned safely from the trip, happy and wearily enthusiastic over the beauties of Washington.

Many exciting discussions were carried on in English this year. Who believed that Faden really attended that prayer meeting, at which one thousand were present? He quite gave himself away by that fatal declaration. And, then, while we were studying Milton we learned to our great surprise, that the day began at sunrise. For all valuable and useful information attend one of the senior English classes. Many startling and surprising hints are given, which are very enlightening to ignorant minds! German lessons are always interesting. What a tempting meal Helen was describing, when she proposed to serve caterpillars upon the guest table. Deliver us from barbarous Germany! In French, too, many graceful translations were given, which evidently surprised our teacher. How timidly and fearfully Florence would have mounted those stairs, where one was supported by a string!

About the time of apple blossoms, rumors were heard of the "prom" to be given us. These have now changed to reality, we are all present, and we are heartily enjoying the kindness and hospitality of the juniors.

After a few more happy, busy days of graduation, we shall leave the high school forever, to scatter over the country and through the different states at our varied occupations. But we shall not forget our classmates and the happy days that we have spent in high school. Perhaps, we may be sitting quietly some evening before a flickering, cheery fire, thinking of our business and the cares that it invariably brings. But, somehow, the warm glow of the fire quickly dispells all brooding over sorrows, and it puts us in a dreaming, happy mood. And then, our mind slips quietly back over the years until the events of our school days come to us, and, in fancy, we can see the faces and forms of our classmates as they slowly pass before our eyes in the ever-changing, ever-alluring flames of our hearth fire. A graceful figure glides by, another and another, and then, why we can see a handsome, noble duke, smiling wonderingly at a little, boyish girl; the jester with his cap and bells, dances silently and swiftly by; and then, we lean forward, with a reminiscent smile on our lips, as we hear the burly, swaggering, good-natured Sir Toby saying, "I smell advice;" a soft, effeminate voice, belonging to a certain courageous(?) knight, comes floating down through the flames, "I have it in my nose, too." The merry, carefree laugh of the maid rings forth again, the countess and her husband stroll slowly by, and so on, one after another passes, some silent, some laughing. Then come the other classmates, for they could not all be in the play. Surely, all look natural, as they plod languidly and slowly toward the school building for it is one of the last mornings, in the month of roses. As the youthful train slowly vanishes with the last flickering ray from the smouldering embers, shall we not fervently hope that all the good things of life have come to each member of the class of 1909.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1909.

June 1, 1909.

Bayard, Abraham
Bartel, Paul Winfield—M. I. T.
Bartlett, Ball
Berry, Leon Otis
Boynton, Guy Leslie—Tufts Dental
Bradbury, Melvin Rice—Harvard
Chadwick, James Barton—M. I. T.
Clark, Levi
Cooper, Edward Irving—Harvard
Davis, Albion—M. I. T.
Ela, Benjamin Walter—Boston University
Faden, James Leatherbee—M. I. T.
Gately, Matthew E. Jr.—Dartmouth
Getchell, Robert E.—Tufts Dental
Glancey, Warren Eugene—M. I. T.
Green, Warren Kimball—Harvard
Hawley, Philip
Jordan, George Edwin—M. I. T.
King, Charles J.
Parker, Stanley Wallace—M. I. T.
Parkinson, Herman Owen—Dartmouth
Smith, Edwin Eugene—Tufts Medical
Trider, George Henry
Tuttle, George Raymond
Tyler, Brenton Eugene
Wigmore, Raymond Fiske—M. I. T.
Wiley, Norman Clark
Wright, Raymond Deleno

Andrews, Florence Catherine—Dr. Sargent's Physical Training School
Bailey, Ada Marion—Conservatory of Music
Bingay, Marion Beatrice
Braman, Marjorie Pierce
Carroll, Bessie—Framingham Normal
Carter, Annabel—Wellesley
Colburn, Pearl Janet
Cone, Sarah Alice—Nurses' Training School
Cutler, Fannie Park
Dennen, Barbara Louise—Simmons
Drake, Rachel Isabel—Wellesley
Drew, Gladys Pauline—Simmons
Fleming, Ruby Ethel
Hall, Constance Langdon—Framingham Normal
Halleran, May L.—Conservatory of Music
Harris, Bertha Louise—Conservatory of Music
Havens, Blanche Louise—Conservatory of Music
Hession, Agnes Julia—Conservatory of Music
Hutchinson, Helen—Wellesley
Jennings, Mary
Johnson, Mabel Avilda
Kelly, Alice Richardson
Lemont, Gladys—Studio
Mabry, Virginia Vasco—Boston University
Merrill, Alice Cheseley—Wellesley
Miller, Nellie May
Mullen, Margaret Barry—Conservatory of Music
Newton, Hazel Hoyt—Smith
Nye, Edith Dorothy—Conservatory of Music
Oates, Jennie Gwendoline
Olson, Agnes—Conservatory of Music
Paul, Ruth Jane—Boston University
Perkins, Ruthy Mildred
Phelan, Mary Esther—Emerson College of Oratory
Polechio, Edith—Normal School
Rhodes, Agnes Katherine—Boston University
Ricker, Gladys Sterling—Normal Art
Rowe, Marion Eleanor
Ruane, Sarah Amalda
Sanderson, Ruth Dexter—Mt. Holyoke
Sawyer, Ethel Mae—Framingham Normal
Silman, Elsie Alberta
Silman, Laura Adelaide
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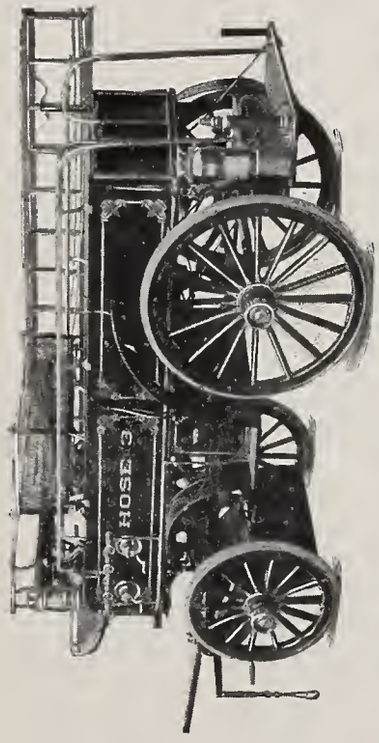

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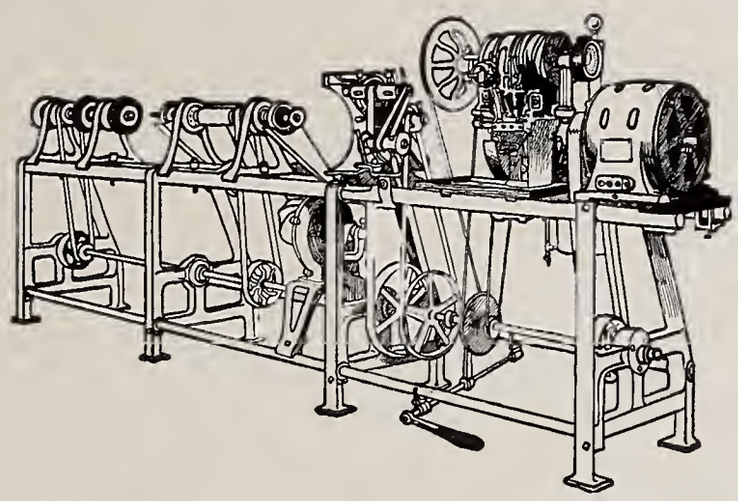

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